

diffused from the ginger of the shops it handed over to the curator, Mr. Watson, growing. Its succulent in raising ate from it, and ultimately in flowering in 1886. In his report the latter says:— "Among the collection of fruits, &c., shown to the Siam Commission, at the International Health Exhibition, held at South Kensington in 1884, were some 'robbers' called 'Ginger.' These were obtained

at the Ruzh Museum, but one of them was a seedling, and the other was a bearing stem five (6) cm high. In comparing it with the drawings specimens in the Herbarium, Mr. Bakov identified it with a specimen labelled *Pimenta* sp., Bangkok, which was collected by the German botanist, Schomburgk in 1864, and which is very near to *P. longicaule* of V. C. Van Nieuwenhuis. According to Schomburgk, it is cultivated for its Cardamom fruits, and is known as *Lah-Pan* or *Champan*. Under the name of *Galangal* (*Alpinia* sp.) these species are cultivated for the sake of their aromatic leaves. This unnamed species now in flower at the Ruzh Museum is very different from *P. longicaule* and is apparently largely cultivated by the Chinese as a substitute for ginger. The name is very thick, slightly flattened, and is freely branched, as in common ginger, and it is very different from the berries of ginger. There is some reason to believe that the Chinese ginger of commerce is not obtained from *Zingiber officinale*, the source of Jamaica ginger, but from a species of *Alpinia*, and possibly this unnamed one is the same. Plants of true Chinese ginger are now growing at Kowloon, and it may soon flower.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

THE ARMY ESTIMATES.—CHANGES IN THE
FUTURE.

London, February 26th.—The debate on Army estimates continues in the House to-morrow.

Mr Hartington last night asked, what had been done to execute the recommendation of his commission. Mr Stanhope said that the Government had been formed to deal with the general principles of the same, and that a Committee of the highest Naval and Military Officers also been formed to deal with the matter in detail. He further stated that he was unable to say whether the Government would be engaged in the event of the office of Commander-in-Chief becoming vacant. He was prepared to appoint a Chief of the Staff, arrangements would be made to increase the responsibility of the Adjutant-General of the Army regarding General Administration. It was intended to constitute a Promotion Board of five Generals who would be entirely independent of the War Office and the Commander-

THE PROPOSED MILITARY BOARD OF PHOENIX.

The Promotion Board mentioned by Mr. Phelps in his speech during the debate of the Army Estimates will consist of the following: The forces of Adersdorf, Berlin, and Portsmouth; the chief of staff will be appointed an occasional officer in General Officers of Cavalry and Infantry Corps.

NAVY ESTIMATES—LORD G. HAMILTON'S PROPOSAL.

The Navy Estimates amount to 14,000,000 sterling. Lord George Hamilton, in a Memorandum explaining them, mentions that an increased appropriation is expected from the British Government for work performed by the British Navy in the waters of the REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA AT BORNEO ARIZONA.

At San Juan, February 20th.—A state of war has been proclaimed at Buenos Ayres, Argentina, against the Republic of Venezuela, a youth having fired at, and wounded, Senator Roca, Minister of the Interior. The youth, who is not has been discovered to murder the President of his Ministers.

THE SECRETARY-TREASURER'S POLICY.
Washington, Feb. 22nd.—Mr. Secretary
has been interviewed by a member
of the press, and it was his ambition
to continue the policy of the late
Secretary Windom for the present, and
as improbable that he would change it,
as a Congress he considered to be
hostile to Commerce. He has written
a letter expressing himself strongly in
favor of the protectionist policy.
THE LABORERS' UNION.—The
London, February 20th.—In the House
of Commons, Sir Henry James' Factory and
Workshops Act Amendment Bill to amend
the Act of 1878, was read a second time,
and was referred to a grand committee,
which will also consider the proposal of the
Government to amend the same.
ALL SIDES OF THE HOUSE.—The
House of Commons is engaged in a
prolonged session, and is expected to
continue so for some time.

TERRIBLE COLLIERIES EXPLOSION.
 London, February 23rd.—A disastrous
 colliery explosion has taken place at
 Colliery, Nova Scotia, in which one
 hundred men were killed and many
 injured. Seventy-five bodies have been
 recovered.

Quotations.
 HONGKONG, March 13, 1891.

UM—New Patin, cash,	130
Old,	130
New Benares, cash,	460
Old,	460
New Malwa cash,	490
Allowance, Teals,	48/6
Old Malwa, cash,	500/530
Allowance, Teals,	474/48
Persian, Oily, cash,	456/70
Allowance, Teals,	32/48
Persian, Paper tied,	430/440
Allowance, Teals,	48/64

Exchange.
 HONGKONG, March 13.

London	Wires	.....	5/2 1/2
Bank	On demand	.....	3/2 1/2
30 days sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
4 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
6 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
12 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
18 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
24 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
36 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
48 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
60 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
72 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
84 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
96 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
108 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
120 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
132 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
144 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
156 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
168 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
180 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
192 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
204 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
216 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
228 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
240 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
252 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
264 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
276 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
288 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
300 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
312 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
324 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
336 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
348 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
360 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
372 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
384 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
396 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
408 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
420 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
432 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
444 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
456 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
468 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
480 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
492 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
504 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
516 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
528 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
540 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
552 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
564 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
576 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
588 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
600 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
612 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
624 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
636 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
648 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
660 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
672 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
684 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
696 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
708 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
720 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
732 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
744 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
756 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
768 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
780 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
792 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
804 months sight	.....	3/2 1/2	1/2
816 months sight	3/2 1/2	1/2
828 months sight	3/2 1/2	1/2
840 months sight	3/2 1/2	1/2
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Montpay.....	220
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Alcetta.....	220
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Leaf, 100 lms.....	882 50 p. tag
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(Taken at Messrs Falcouner & Co.'s,
Premier, Queen's Road.)

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Do. 1 P.M.....	50.13
Do. 4 P.M.....	50.11
UNSTER - 9 A.M.....	57
Do. 1 P.M.....	59
Do. 4 P.M.....	60
(Westbury) 9 A.M.....	55
Do. 1 P.M.....	66
Do. 4 P.M.....	58
Do. Maxima.....	60

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HONGKONG, July 15, 1887. 1340

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Hongkong, November 14, 1890. 1054

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N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

SPECIAL ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship ROSETTA, Captain C. GAUD, with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for LONDON, on THURSDAY, the 19th March, at Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Silk and Valuable Goods for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; General Cargo for London will be conveyed to Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route to Colombo. Tea will be sent either via Bombay or Colombo according to arrangement.

For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bill of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.

This Steamship takes Cargo and Passengers for MARSEILLES.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, March 11, 1891. 485

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1891.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Empress of India	Tuesday	March 31st.
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Parthia	Tuesday	April 29th.
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Empress of Japan	Tuesday	May 26th.
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THE Steamship EMPRESS OF INDIA, Capt. O. P. MARSHALL, R.N., sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 31st March, with Her Majesty's Mail, will proceed to VANCOUVER, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

From Hongkong, First Class.

To Vancouver, Victoria, Reginald, New Westminster, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Oreg.,

To San Francisco,

To Winnipeg,

To Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth,

To Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, Milwaukee,

To Detroit, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Hamilton, London (Ont.), Toronto,

To Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, New York, Albany, Troy, Rochester, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston, Portland (Me),

To Halifax, St. John,

To Liverpool and London,

To Paris and Bremen,

To Havre and Hamburg,

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all Trans-Atlantic lines of steamers.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials.

Return Tickets.—First and second class only.—Prepaid return tickets to Pacific Coast Ports, and to Eastern and Interior Points of Canada and U.S.A. will be granted, available for 12 months at 25 per cent. off Return Fare.

(Time is reckoned from the date of issue to date of re-embarkation at Vancouver).

Passengers to Pacific Coast Ports and to Interior and Eastern Points of Canada and U.S.A. not holding prepaid return tickets, but who re-embark at Vancouver within 12 months from date of issue of original ticket, will be allowed 10 per cent. off the return fare.

Prepaid return tickets to Liverpool and London will be issued, available for 12 months at \$650 or for 4 months \$575.

Casco.—Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Letters of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of D. E. Brown, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent, Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Vancouver, B.C.

Passengers must be sent to our office with address marked in full by 5 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 21, 1891. 351

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG.

PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS.

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTH AMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON SUNDAY, the 10th day of March, 1891, at 11 a.m., the Company's S.S. NECKAR, Captain H. Borne, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at Genoa.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 10th of March. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 16, 1891. 317

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND THROUGH AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via YOKOHAMA, on SUNDAY, the 10th March, at Daylight, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Indian Oceans of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fare granted as follows:

To San Francisco,

To Liverpool,

To London,

For other European ports at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Passengers by this Line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Fares will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Letters to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

O. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, March 9, 1891. 314

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TRADING, CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship GALICIA will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 21st March, 1891, at 1 p.m., on condition being made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

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Hongkong, February 26, 1891. 402

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Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 24th March, 1891. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.

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Hongkong, March 12, 1891. 500

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